sanction i.e. by March, 1996 and October, 1996 respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government has accorded approval on 7.10.1992 at an estimated cost of Rs. 3868 crores. The Project is scheduled to be completed within 54 months.

2614. *[Transferred to 18th December, 1992.]*

Demand by Gujarat For E thy line

2615. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat have demanded one lakh tonne of Ethyline chemicals from proposed Gandhar Project;

(b) whether the State Government on receipt of Ethyline propose to set up down-stream Industry on large-scale;

(c) what is the current quota of Ethyline for the State of Gujarat; and

(d) what are the details of the Downstream Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN):

(a) and (b) Government of Gujarat had asked that the implementation of one of the Ethyline based downstream project like VCM, PVC alongwith Chlor Alkali project be awarded to the State.

(c) and (d) Ethylene is not sold by quota. The total Ethylene that would be produced at Gandhar would meet the requirement of manufacture of value added products like PVC, EO/MEG, Alfa Olefin, Chlorine, Caustic Soda and Alcohol Ethoxylates, at the petrochemicals complex by I.P.C.L.

Complaints by M.Ps against overcharging by Drug companies

2616. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of complaints received from Members of Parliament and others regarding over-charging by drug companies during, the last three years;

(b) whether all these complaints have since been forwarded to the State Drug *Control Administration for investigation;

(c) what has been the findings of the State Drug Control Administration into these complaints;

(d) what action Government have taken or contemplate to take against these drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Some complaints of overcharging in respect of bulk drugs at prices other than the Government fixed prices have been received from Members of Parliament.

(b) to (d) As and when any complaint of overcharging is received, the same is sent to the State Drug Control Administration for investigation. In case the facts are found to be correct after due investigation, further action under DPCO, 1987 as well as Essential Commodities Act, as the case may be, is initiated. As per reports received from the State Drug Contollers of Gujarat and Maharashtra, action has been initiated in 12 cases against overcharging.